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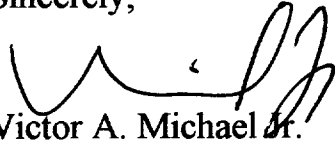
December 21, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for New Castle, Colorado.

Sincerely,



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Before the  
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Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of: )  
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b) )  
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Table of Allotments )  
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FM Broadcast Stations )  
 )  
(New Castle, Colorado)

**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 233A (94.5 Mhz) to New Castle, Colorado as its first local FM allotment.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 233A (94.5 Mhz) to New Castle and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 233A to New Castle will have.

**DISCUSSION**

2. New Castle is located in central Colorado. It is also located within Garfield County, a county of some 29,974 persons. New Castle has a population of 679 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 233A to New Castle will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to New Castle is located at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Glenwood Springs is located 17 kilometers from New Castle.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that New Castle is presently without local FM service.

4. New Castle would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 17 Kilometers of New Castle. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the New Castle area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 233A can be allotted to New Castle and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
New Castle, Colorado	-----	233A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 233A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 233A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study ( N 39 - 34' - 12", W. 107 - 31' - 54") are that of a site located within the community of New Castle. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 233A to New Castle. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of New Castle. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

### CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that New Castle would benefit from the allotment of channel 233A. It has also been shown that channel 233A can be allotted to New Castle and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 233A for New Castle, Colorado , 73.202.

8. Should channel 233A be allotted to New Castle, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for New Castle, Colorado.

## CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 20, 1998

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 233A6 (94.5 MHz), at N. 39 34 12, W. 107 31 54.

Searching Channel 233A6 (94.5 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
K230AG	Redstone, Penny Hot Spr	CO	230	D	L	45.3	0.0	144.3°	45.3
K230AH	Thomasville, Meredith	CO	230	D	L	76.9	0.0	108.2°	76.9
ALC	Montrose	CO	231	C	U	137.1	95.0	183.9°	42.1
KKXK	Montrose	CO	231	C	L	137.1	95.0	183.9°	42.1
K232AD	Roaring Fork	CO	232	D	L	21.0	0.0	139.7°	21.0
ALC	Roosevelt	UT	232	C1	U	202.1	133.0	298.6°	69.1
ALC	Lafayette	CO	234	C	U	176.1	165.0	86.2°	11.1
K234AF	Carbondale	CO	234	D	L	21.1	0.0	140.5°	21.1
KRKSFM	Boulder	CO	234	C	L	194.6	165.0	73.4°	29.6
KRKSFM	Lafayette	CO	234	C	C	176.1	165.0	86.2°	11.1
ALC	Delta	CO	236	C	U	97.4	95.0	217.9°	2.4
KKNN	Delta	CO	236	C	L	97.4	95.0	217.9°	2.4
ALC	Rifle	CO	287	C	U	56.1	28.0	254.0°	28.1
KZKS	Rifle	CO	287	C	L	53.6	28.0	253.5°	25.6
KZKS-2	Carbondale	CO	287	D	L	20.8	0.0	140.9°	20.8
KZKS-3	Glenwood Springs	CO	287	D	C	20.4	0.0	98.3°	20.4

FIGURE 1  
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY  
NEW CASTLE, COLORADO  
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING